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Career Program Plans Begin With Assembly

A new *Career Conference Series*, a continuation of the ideal which resulted in Career Night last year, will begin on Monday, under the supervision of Miss Grace A. Young, the college adviser. The assembly to be held tomorrow on the topic of planning for your career, will open this series.

Purpose of Conferences

The purpose of these conferences is to give the students the opportunity of learning at first hand, from experts, the different careers open to them. Miss Young urges all students to attend. "Whether you are planning to go to college or go into industry upon graduation, this is your chance of getting a glimpse of what awaits you." Students will be allowed to question the guest speakers.

Time and Place

These *Career Conferences* will be held at the end of the eighth period on alternate Monday afternoons, beginning on Monday, March 6, in Room 108; or if the group is large enough, in the assembly. Representatives from various well-known colleges and leaders of industry will be present to guide and advise students about their futures.

Parents Are Invited

Since these conferences should play so important a part in helping students to decide their careers, Miss Elizabeth Hoffman, administrative assistant, suggests that the students invite their parents to attend so that the students and their parents can then discuss the possibilities.

First Conference

The topic of the first conference, on March 6, is *So You're Going To College?* Representatives from Boston College and Centenary Junior College will speak.

The first conference is planned for those who are thinking of attending college. Why go to college? What are the advantages of going to college? Which college?—are some of the questions to be discussed during the meeting.

The remaining schedule, excluding May and June which will be announced at a later date, is in print below:

March 20—"Careers for Women: nursing and dietetics."

April 3—"Careers for Men and Women: engineering and premedical."

April 17—"Fine and Applied Arts and Architecture."

Ten Honor Students Eligible For Arista

The Fort Hamilton Arista this term has room for but ten new members. This is because of the few vacancies left by the graduating class of January, 1944.

Dr. Cochran, faculty adviser of Arista said the choice would be very difficult, for about one hundred students are eligible, and only the very best with the most service credit, and best references will be able to be chosen. The Installation Assembly will be in the first week of March.

First FHHS Couple Tie the Marital Knot

Chalk up another Fort Hamilton first, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Marinello, the first of our graduates to sign a wedding contract. Chris P. Marinello, of the class of June '43 married Miss Marion Dopman at St. Patrick's Church, Sunday, February 20.

Girls, Take Note

They had met for the first time in Mr. Gould's bookkeeping four class where Marinello was a senior and his bride-to-be was in her sixth term.

Chris Marinello has been a member of the Service Corps and had been scheduled to be the captain of our baseball team when he entered the Navy. At present, he is a second class radio man, assigned to submarine service, and has seen action in the Atlantic. He's been in the service for a year and four months, enough time to make certain of his affections.

Their Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Marinello will make California their home state for the duration since his home port is located there. He intends to remain in the service when the war is over, but Marion may have her own ideas on that topic. The important thing now is to win the war, and Marion feels that their plans must wait.

On their visit to the school, our first Mr. and Mrs. met Mr. Bellafiore and promised to forward him his share of the wedding cake. They leave Mr. Gould's Bookkeeping classes as their present to the undergraduates.

Experts To Clarify Career Difficulties

Members of Arista, under the supervision of Miss Young and Miss Willison, and the grade advisors will act as experts in the question-and-answer session which will be a feature of the guidance assembly, the first in a series of career conferences to be held tomorrow. The queries have been sent in by students through their English classes.

High School Record

The purpose of this program will be to make the student conscious of the fact that the progress he makes in high school is extremely important in his post-school career. The Army, especially, is interested in whether the student is a truant or whether he is a perpetual late-comer, and permanent records are constantly thumbed through for references to employers, colleges, and for the armed forces.

Slides will be shown exhibiting the proper course of study for all diplomas and also showing the forms put out by the Army and business organizations asking the school for records of students.

An exhibit on the choice of careers will also be on display in the library.

Fem Clubs Prepare For Spring Season

Cheer Leaders See Action

Every term since Fort Hamilton first opened there has been constant complaining as to when the various clubs sponsored by the Girls' Health Education Department should meet in order to satisfy both the A.M. and the P.M. sessions. Now that the single session is in effect, none of the students should have any difficulty in putting their *all* into extra curricular activities, especially sports. This term a program of clubs is scheduled to fill the entire week, all of these clubs meeting after the eighth period in the girls' gymnasium.

Club Schedule

Monday—Softball—Miss Scully

Tuesday—Leaders — Mrs. Grayson and Miss Brookman

Wednesday—Volley Ball—Miss Robertson

Beacons—Mrs. Grayson

Thursday—Tennis—Mrs. Sullivan

Friday—Basketball—Mrs. Levis

Cheering Squad

Those of the student body who attended the February 9th basketball game heard our new cheering squad in action between the quarters of the game. The female half of Fort Hamilton shone in our school colors, wearing navy blue skirts and white sweaters. The girls, guided by Mrs. Grayson, plan to meet each Thursday afternoon in order to improve and practice more cheers.

Leaders Club

The girls of the Leaders Club will continue their previous terms' work, that of refereeing tournament games as well as taking charge of the numerous skills in the health education classes. Most of the club members have basketball and other game certificates plus various chevrons.

A Senior Class First To Obtain 100% G.O.

First to get 100% G.O. was prefect 8-4, Room 105. Under the supervision of Mr. D. Cohen, the class had 100% by Wednesday, February 9. When asked what he attributed his success to, Mr. Cohen modestly declined all credit and said it was due to the work of the representatives and the cooperation of the class.

However, upon questioning, the representatives, William Ball and Marcelle Carlin, said that all success was due to Mr. Cohen's constant reminding and psychological methods. On the first day Mr. Cohen announced, "In a few minutes William and Marcelle will start collecting G.O. dues. We want 100% by tomorrow!" Then the representatives went to work. In two days they had achieved their goal.

Other classes with 100% G.O. are: Class 1-2, Mr. Leaycraft, representatives—Marilyn Lordi and Robert Anderson; Class 1-6, Mrs. Grayson, representatives — Audrey Simmons, John Carley.

Attention G. O. Reps!

All students are to receive copies of this issue in order to acquaint them with the G. O. privileges.

Students To Poll Views Today On Post-War

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have had occasion to greet and to interview a number of our graduates of June 1943 and January 1944, and from nearly everyone I receive the same comment. In fact, I have also received it from the boys in service. Our teachers have also had the same request in letters from the boys wearing the uniform of the U. S.

What do they say? In general, this is it: "Tell the students to get all they can out of high school now. They don't realize what they will be up against when they face responsibility in the world outside. Then it is too late wishing that they had done the required work more earnestly and sincerely or developed the habit of punctuality, to be on the job on time and doing the job without being watched or told over and over again."

Now, with our single session, it should be possible to form more clubs and societies where you can develop friendships and participate in projects that interest you.

When June 1944 comes, may you look back upon a term in school with the satisfaction that you have done a good job as a preparation for the next bigger assignment. Remember: "What I am to be, I am now becoming."

Augustus Ludwig, *Principal*

Draft Bait Needed For Service Corp

"Senior participation in the Service Corps this term has turned out higher than in any of the preceding terms," said Mr. Seigel, faculty adviser of the Service Corps. "The girls have turned out whole-heartedly but as yet the boys are a little slow, especially during the fifth period," he commented.

Leatherette Arm Bands

At the first meeting of the term, Mr. Seigel explained what was to be expected of the members and their duties. Leatherette arm bands are to be installed this term for means of identification and when shown, were received quite warmly. They will be blue with F. H. H. S., Service Corps and the specific duty, such as guard, office, etc., in white letters.

Anchor Plans New Story, Poem Contest

In the first assembly of the new term, Mr. Lass awarded prizes to the winners of last term's *Anchor* Story and Poem contest. The winners were Annamay Topkins, best poem; Mary La Vara, best story, and Ann Berg, honorable mention for her story.

"Rediscovering America" will be the theme of this term's *Anchor*, and the Staff has announced that there will be another story and poem contest. Any and all contributions will be welcomed. Hand articles to your English teacher.

With this issue of the *Pilot*, Fort Hamilton joins 1,320 other high school papers in the *Institute of Student Opinion*, an organization sponsored by the *Scholastic* magazine.

This poll, number four in the series, is the first to appear in this paper, and is concerned with post-war problems and the possible position of the U. S. in a post-war world. There will be many sacrifices necessary on our part, to establish and keep a world peace. All papers, all commentators, all gatherings, argue pro and con on certain vital questions. Some of these questions are asked in this ballot.

Questions Asked

The first question asks if we would be willing to stay on a rationing system, similar to the one in effect now, for several years, in order to help feed the people in impoverished countries. The next question is perhaps the one which causes the heartiest quarrels—"Would you be willing to have part of the American army remain overseas—to help establish order?" Other questions are on tariffs, continued high taxes after the war, pooling our army, navy and air corps with others to form an international police force, international control of the Panama Canal, and whether a "Flag of the World" should fly above the Stars and Stripes.

Previous Polls

These polls, which are conducted in high schools all over the nation, are held to discover the opinions and ideas of students in regard to cur-

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Mr. Solovay Enjoys The Life of a Sailor

Seaman Solovay returned to Fort Hamilton on a visit after he had completed his boot training and a special course in storekeeping in the Quartermasters Corp of the U. S. Navy. He returned to his favorite haunt, the Publications Office. To those who were acquainted with Seaman Solovay, and well remembered his belief that we were all in this war together, and the quicker we got done with it the better, his appearance in a sailor's suit would not be a surprise. Instead, it would show that for the duration, he not only belonged in it, but he was proud of it.

The Navy Versus the Army

When asked if he worked very hard, Seaman Solovay replied, "In the Navy we all pull together and the work is not so hard." He was then asked by a self-confessed Army fan if he liked the Navy, and as a true sailor, answered, "I'm not only proud to serve my country, but if the Navy was good enough for John Paul Jones, it certainly is good enough for me."

Then with a cheerio and "I'll be seeing you after the war," Seaman Solovay left the Publications Office to return to the more important and pressing matter, that of winning the war.

The Time Is Now

"Why didn't you make me realize how important clubs were?"

How often we hear seniors and alumni make this statement when they think back over their school careers. Yet how often we let ourselves make the same mistake of not getting the fullest enjoyment and benefit of our years in high school.

We here at Fort Hamilton are fortunate in being on a single session, for we have many wonderful opportunities to participate in clubs and extra-curricular activities. Future scientists, artists, writers, actors, athletes—all can find at least one club which suits their field.

However, to join a club, it is not necessary to join the club of your future profession. All that is asked of you is that you show genuine interest and a desire to give something to the organization in order to get it back manifold.

There are clubs meeting every day of the week. Clubs of all kinds—for work or for sheer enjoyment. Join at least one club before it is too late. *The Time Is Now.*

STUDENT FORUM

Question: What advantage are you going to take of leap year?

Mary Jane Brown, 5-10—I'm going to take him to a show I want to see for a change."

Jean Eriksen, 4-11—"I haven't quite made up my mind, but when I do, those fellows better look out."

Jean Geffner, 5-9—"Well, the first thing I'm going to do is to pop the $64 question—Have you got an old plaid jacket you don't want?"

Alice Torkelson, 5-9—"I'm going to borrow some money from my brother and tell him it's for my heavy date this time."

Adele Hubner, 5-7—"I'm not going to take advantage of it. You know there's only *one* man in *my* life."

Gilda Cohen, 6-8—"I'm going to get myself a local telephone book and start thumbing through. If you know what I mean?"

Dotty Gonseth, 5-4—"What's the use? Frankie is already married."

Mary Corrao, 5-3—"I think I'll just take him out and let him pay *my* way."

Lorrain Dunstan, 5-3—"None. They're either too young or too old."

George Hecker, 8-3, who is definitely not "fraile" but one of our leading men-about-school, we thought we ought to get his viewpoint. "Oh, I'll just let the girls take their turns at asking me for dates," he said. Line forms to the right, gals.

ON LATENESS

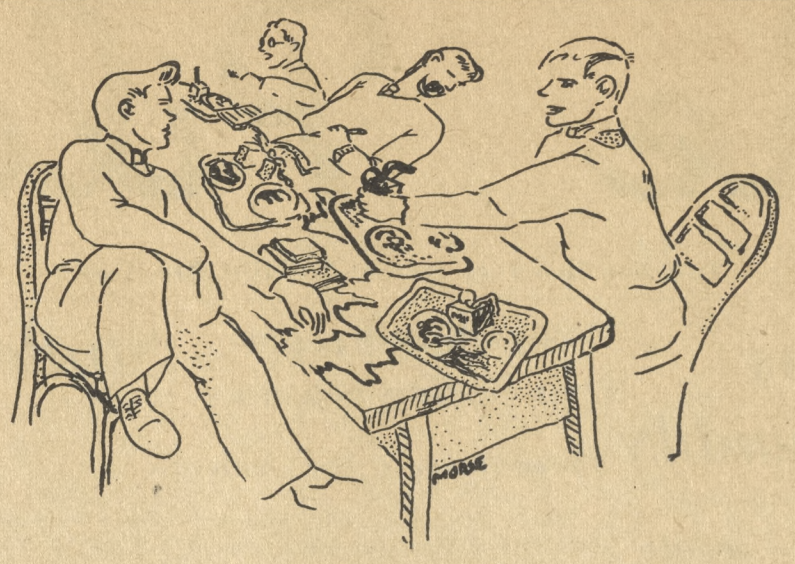
The sight of several hundred students dashly madly for the side entrances at 8:45 on recent mornings only to have to rush back to the main entrance of the building for late passes affords a very poor picture and does no credit to Fort Hamilton. Of course, transit facilities are inadequate and the bus service is very deficient, but with the war situation there seems to be little hope of remedying this.

Naturally our new schedule bringing all students to school at the same time makes for greater congestion. Our building is large enough to take care of the entire school population between the hours of 8:45 and 3 o'clock. This plan has definite advantages over the arrangement of keeping hundreds of students in school until 4:30 P.M. It gives us an opportunity for a rich club program and releases students who wish to work after school and who desire, in many cases, to engage in patriotic activities and help win the war. It conserves fuel. It releases the student before he grows mentally tired.

It is therefore the part of good, patriotic citizenship for students to adjust themselves to the new arrangement and to get to school on time. According to the district lines of the school, the vast majority of students live within a mile and a half of the building and can walk. Of course, a blizzard or a rain storm would make a difference, and no one in authority would think of ever censuring a student who is late on such an occasion.

The solution, then: If at all possible, walk to school, taking an early start. If you must ride, plan to get to school fifteen minutes and even half an hour earlier, so that you will get the bus when it is still not too crowded to stop for you. Our cafeteria will receive you as early as 8:15 A.M. and afford you a chance to go over your school work. With good weather and with the lengthening of the late winter, it is logical to expect greater punctuality.

F. A. H. Leuchs



Learning to Live in a Democracy?

DO YOU KNOW THEM?

By June Temple

Mr. Deutsch is the grade adviser of the current and largest senior class thus far at this school. He has a feeling (and he should know) that they will do quite well as seniors.

Einstein Passe

Believe it or not, Mr. Deutsch, who's also a math teacher, has mathmatics as his chief hobby. This doesn't include the study of a simple subject, such as Einstein's theory, but forms of higher mathematics whose names this humble one cannot spell. But, his life isn't all equations and graphs. He spends a great deal of his time with his family, particularly his daughter of three. Mr. Deutsch likes plays but not musical comedies. He hates both grand opera and Frankie (abused isn't he?) Sinatra.

A staunch follower of the *See America First* slogan, Mr. Deutsch has traveled all over the United States and Canada, especially in the West. Even when he had the chance of a free trip to Europe, he stayed here.

Mr. Deutsch has a particular dislike for books on how to teach, Wm. R. Hearst, and home-grown fascists in general.

"I hope that every graduate of the June '44 class will be able to hold his or her own on the dance floor," says Miss Scheh, head of senior activities. This hope is not without action behind it, since she has already made plans to organize a Senior Dance Club instructed by professional teachers.

Miss Scheh spends some "evenings" on the graveyard shift at aircraft warning center. There, her job is something of a military secret. She can say though, that she is on the receiving end of *radar.*

On Saturday mornings she usually fusses with a tank of tropical fish (yup!) which she is very proud of.

Dodger Fan

Although born in Greenwich Village in Manhattan, Miss Scheh has adopted the Dodgers as her own. Her favorite spectator sport is baseball. She goes in for skating and dancing in a big way.

Driftwood

By Mildred Schmitz

Repetition

When the debt is fully paid,
When penitence has left my pen,
My good intentions soon will fade
And I'll come unprepared again.

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Lines After Reading Bliss Carmen

Oh, my heart is tired and weary.
Alas, my soul is old and worn.
Ah, hard my search has been and dreary.
Oh, the road was cold and long.
And, alas, the many miles before me
Weigh me down unto dejection.
Alack, won't someone pity poor me
And invent a brand new interjection.

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The Oyster

From the start of September to the end of April
An oyster's chance of seclusion is vaporil
But whether the waters be nearen or foreign
An oyster's life
Is a Cloistered life
In the months without an "R" in.

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Query

Are you dreaming of him, lady,
He who said he'd always care,
He who vowed sweet vows and kissed you
He who gave us both the air?

Two Tickets Please

By Helen Archibald

Hollywood during these past months has seen fit to deluge us with horror shows. *The Phantom of the Opera, Return of Dracula, The Mad Ghoul* and now *The Lodger* have all fulfilled their purpose by sending chills up the audience's collective backs and by giving the women of the audience a chance to let off steam by indulging themselves in a little scream or two. There seems to be some sort of a tacit agreement among them to let the horrors of war films go by without batting an eye.

Return of Ripper

The setting of *The Lodger* is perfect for its sustained mood of unknown, lurking terror. A black street at Whitechapel, a foggy atmosphere, an old woman singing hymns for alms, and in a nearby tenement an old actress prepares for bed. Suddenly her light is blown out—at this point an old gentleman coughed and half the audienced jumped two feet; then they tittered nervously while Jack the Ripper went to work on his helpless victim—but Twentieth Century-Fox couldn't foresee this.

Bendix Grand In 'Lifeboat'

To forestall this column turning into a eulogy on William Bendix, *Lifeboat* is placed last instead of first. Bendix's beautiful performance is the more remarkable because it stands out from performances turned in by a cast that's well-nigh perfect.

Waterlogged

The "Knock, Knock, Who's There?" era has come and gone, the "Confuscius Say" fad is over, and now we are preparing to speed the "Moron" series on its way . . .

Didja hear about the moron who put a clock under his pillow so that he could sleep overtime, or the one who cut a hole through the carpet to see the floor show?

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And here's something for the stronger sex to muddle over.

Question—"Why do they make all the morons in the jokes masculine?"

Answer—"Me, I don't know. You see, I never take sides, I'm neuter."

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Where Do We Go From Here, Boys

Our soldiers who are in the fight
Seem to have lost the right to vote.
We send them bullets by the ton
To help them sink the rising run, but note:
That for ballots there's no room on any boat.

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Words of Encouragement

Mr. Rosen: *Bon Appetit!*

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Greetings! Allow me to present my wife to you."
"Thanks, but I already have one."

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JIVE HIVE

By B. Posner and P. Stern

Among the outstanding sepia and white contributors to the field of jazz, the name of William (Count) Basie glitters brilliantly. His contributions have earned him the unchallenged title, *Jump King of Swing.* Basie is the foremost exponent of *Kansas City Style* jazz music. By stressing his rhythm section, one of the world's finest, Basie has popularized and commercialized this style of music.

Origin in "One O'Clock Jump"

He has played at Carnegie Hall twice with a program entitled *From Spirituals to Swing.* This is a rare privilege and honor for any musical organization.

Count Basie is also composer Basie. His almost immortal *One o'Clock Jump* was composed while he was working in the Reno Club in Kansas City.

Basie has had and still has some of the finest jazz men in the business. Some sidemen who have played or are still playing with him are: Lester Young, Herschel Evans (died 1939), tenor; Earl Warren, alto; Harry Edison, Buck Clayton, trumpets; and the world famous rhythm section consisting of Jo Jones, drums; Freddie Green, guitar; Walter Page, bass; and the Count himself on the *88's.*

Good Recordings

Some of the Count's best recognized recordings are on Decca labels: *One o'Clock Jump, Every Tub, Evil Blues,* and *Blue and Sentimental,* featuring the late Herschel Evans on his mellow tenor sax. Other records made for different labels are *Harvard Blues, I'm Gonna Move to the Outskirts of Town,* and his latest platter made for Columbia, *Rusty Dusty Blues,* featuring his 290 pound vocalist, Jimmy Rushing, in a typical Rushing-Basie recording.

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Club Notes

SCIENCE CLUB

The biology club, after five terms, will assume a new name. The fact that not only biology, but all the sciences, interested and inspired the club's active members, has resulted in the name science club.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Hyer, the faculty adviser, the club participates in many interesting, and revealing discussions.

Represents All Sciences

Robert L. Wolke, president of the club, and Joseph Cutri, vice-president, conduct the meetings, and help the rest of the club in their experiments. Chemistry, aeronautics, psychology, and all the physical sciences are dealt with. The students, however, are exceedingly interested in the work and perform many of their experiments at home as well. Once the results have shown promise, they are brought to the club.

Chemistry Magic

Highlighting the subject matter for this term will be chemical magic. The wide-eyed observers at the side shows are no different from the Hamiltonians when magic is concerned. The president of this club, therefore, has expressed his desire to show the club members how simple the magician's tricks are.

Psychology will get an introduction as well. The human mind will be explained, and by means of student participation this fascinating subject will be further explained.

Remember, THURSDAY afternoon in room 306, for those who are interested.

CHEMISTRY CLUB

A chemistry club for pupils who are taking chemistry now, or who have taken it previously, will be started this term, Mr. Kearney, chairman of the science department has announced.

Mr. Staudt and Mr. Joltin will act as faculty advisers. Anyone who can qualify for this club and who is interested should apply to Mr. Joltin.

GLEE CLUB

This term the number of members in the glee club has been increased to 106. It continues to take part in the Know Your Allies Assemblies and will participate in the Music Department's Spring Musicale.

One term of major music is required for entrance, and service credit is received for service rendered. All members receive the blue and white emblem after two terms in the Glee Club. The minor letter is awarded after four terms of service, and the major H after three years, but only to those students who have been judged worthy to receive them by the officers of the club.

The qualities considered for these letters are faithful attendance, good conduct and cooperation.

DRAMATICS CLUB

Fort Hamilton's dramatics club has issued a call for members. All those interested in discussions of plays for possible production and in learning acting technique should report to Room 222 after the eighth period on Thursdays. Mrs. Phyllis Jaffe is the faculty adviser.

INTER. RELATIONS CLUB

The international relations club, under the supervision of Miss Fritz will be held in room 118 every Wednesday after the eighth period. Opportunities will arise at times to attend various forums and debates at New York universities and high schools where other such clubs are now in operation. All who would be interested in discussions of present and post-war problems are invited to join.

Paul Robeson Friendly, Impressive In Interview

By LITA MILITEAN

When I went backstage and was told to go into Mr. Robeson's dressing room, I was a little scared but my fears were quickly dispelled. I walked in and was quite awed by his appearance. He was still dressed for his role of *Othello*. He is a very tall, powerfully built man, with a pleasant face. I was so astonished to hear a friendly "Hello" from his lips, that I forgot to be frightened and answered likewise. When I spoke to him later, he was wearing a light blue suit and didn't look quite so forbidding. I soon found out that he possesses a dynamic personality and an ability to put people at ease immediately.

Early Career

Paul Robeson, the son of a New Jersey minister, spent the earlier part of his life in his home town of Princeton. He has earned degrees and high honors from many universities, the first of these being Rutgers. However, Mr. Robeson was not only a scholar but an athlete too. This was proved by his ability to make an All-American football team.

Joined Theatrical Group

In spite of his interest in studies and sports, he found time to join the school theatrical group. These amateur performances led up to his being discovered by Eugene O'Neil in a Y.M.C.A. production of *Simon the Cyrene*. This was the turning point in his life. His rise to success in the theatrical world was rapid. He has played many parts, but he feels that his role as *Othello* is his greatest for, "You don't get a chance to play with an author like Shakespeare everyday."

Mr. Robeson is a very extraordinary person. However, he does have ordinary likes and dislikes. His taste in music leans not only toward the classics but to modern music as well. To show the contrast, two of his favorite composers are Johann Sebastian Bach and Duke Ellington. He doesn't have much time to go out socially, but when he does, he goes to Cafe Society Uptown to hear Hazel Scott play boogie-woogie.

Possesses Law Degree

Most people know him only as an actor or a singer, but this versatile man possesses a law degree from Columbia University. Yet Paul Robeson considers neither of these his true interest in life. He is intensely interested in the stamping out of fascism. He considers his work a part of this aim. He, himself, is a very tolerant individual and his is not merely a passive interest in this world struggle. He speaks and sings in many different languages. He feels that this helps him toward a better understanding of the other peoples of the world.

Naturally I was thrilled to meet Paul Robeson, but not only because he is such a famous person. I considered it an honor to have the opportunity to speak with a man of his intelligence and learning. I went away from the theatre with the feeling that I had learned something of great value.

G. O. Minutes

The meeting opened at 3:15 P.M. with Ted Arthur presiding. In addition to the officers, the three faculty advisors (Mr. Kottman, Mr. Levin, Mr. Baron) were present.

Virginia Bell made a motion that the minutes of the Executive Council be published in the *Pilot*, and this was agreed on unanimously.

An appropriation of $55 for Service Squad Arm Bands was granted.

The council also voted in favor of paying $15 to the P.S.A.L., which will entitle the school to enter in seven sports other than track meets and individual swimming events.

It was decided that, as in the past, 40% of the G.O. dues of the term would go to the *Pilot*.

The council requested Mr. Kottman to order major-minor letters, modified major-minor letters, music shields, and girls' Beacon shields for awards for the coming term and terms thereafter.

A bill for $12.50 to pay for G.O. Council pins was approved.

At the meeting of the G.O. Congress on Wednesday, February 9, four new members were elected to serve on the Executive Council. They are Lois Carlson 7-3, John Kruse 8-7, Thomas Gerard 6-6, and Jack Martin, 4-4.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Victory Corp Lists War Effort Results

Fort Hamilton High School, with a register of 3,314 pupils, bought a total of $30,000 in stamps and $20,000 worth of bonds within the last semester. We have raised $537.16 for the National War Fund and $3,630.87 for donations to the United Nations and other service organizations. The total number of books that we gave to the armed forces during the same semester was 1,316.

Besides those services mentioned above, we have given a dance to raise funds for donations, knitted over a hundred afghans, given cigarettes and candy to boys at Fort Hamilton and sent 150 magazines to former pupils in the armed services.

Many of our individual students received commendation for work on the C.D.V.O. and as Junior Nurse helpers in hospitals.

As the student who did outstanding work last term for the Victory Corps, Mrs. Hyer designated Barbara Linscheid.

Four Win Scholarships

The following five scholarships were awarded to four students of our latest graduating class.

Kenneth Peterson: Allegheny College and Drew University.

Arleen Lester: Packer Collegiate Institute.

Ruth Framiler: Adelphi College, Garden City.

Jayne Bang: Scutter School.

Post War Ideas Polled by Ballot

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rently discussed topics of interest. When each school's results are tabulated, they are turned in to the Institute for national tabulation. The final result is an accurate picture of the feelings of America's youth. Last month's poll was a career survey, and asked the question. "If you could begin your career in any position and obtain equal incomes at the start, which would you choose?"

Students Vote

Over 112,000 students voted, and the majority of these chose individualistic occupations, mainly because of a desire to be "free and independent." Girls showed a strong preference for professional careers—nursing, teaching, medicine or law, by a 45% vote in that category. The would be farmers, 12% of the boys, and 2% of the girls, chose this occupation because "so much food will have to be produced for starving people of the world.

Working for the government, or in public service, appealed to 16% of the boys and 19% of the girls, principally because of a desire for the security which such a position offers.

Poll Below

These remarks, which accompany the actual vote, are indicative of the way the youth of America is thinking. Below is this month's poll. Fill it out, and submit it to your English teacher. If there are comments on any of the questions or in similar points, a slip of paper may be attached to the filled-out clipping.

School results will be published in the next issue of the *Pilot*. National results will be published when received. *Hand your ballot in today.*

Strictly Senior

Aside from yawning and cussin' over unsatisfactory (!) programs, one of the first official actions taken by the senior class was the election of grade officers. Results: Dick Murphy, 8-5, continues in office as president; Vice-President Lorraine Lee, 8-2, was also re-elected to her seventh term position; Grace Christie, 8-5, and Fred Grell, also 8-5, (teamwork, eh wot?) fill the capacities of secretary and treasurer respectively.

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Miss Scheh, our social adviser, has hit upon a corking idea. If enough of us want it we might be able to start a dance club under the direction of an Arthur Murray teacher.

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The Yearbook staff is getting under way with Dot Weinstein at the helm as editor-in-chief and Lucille Tenenbaum and George Perrin as associate editors. Beata Herzfeld is art editor while Helene Kagel and Bill Kerr are taking care of the business end.

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The Prom committee is making tentative plans for a dinner dance at the Waldorf-Astoria. Bids should be in before tomorrow, March first.

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The Senior Strong Arm Committee is the committee that is supposed to give seniors their privileges. Their immediate plan is to initiate school morale, especially in the cafeteria. They are aiming at having the seniors take almost complete charge in the lunchroom. Miss Scheh said that the result of this undertaking will determine senior privileges in the future.

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It has been said that, if we are to establish a successful world organization of nations to prevent war, the American people must be willing to make the necessary personal and national sacrifices. In order to establish a world organization of nations, would you yourself, as an American citizen, be willing or not willing:

(a) to stay on a rationing system in this country for several years to help feed the starving people in other countries?

Willing_____ Not willing_____ Don't know_____

(b) for part of the American Army to remain overseas, or be sent as replacements, for several years after the war to help establish order?

Willing_____ Not willing_____ Don't know_____

(c) to pay more taxes for a few years while the new world organization was being formed, even if people in other countries couldn't afford to pay as much?

Willing_____ Not willing_____ Don't know_____

(d) to allow foreign goods to come into this country, free of tariff duties, and compete with the things we grow or make here, provided all other member nations of the world organization would grant us equal privileges?

Willing_____ Not willing_____ Don't know_____

(e) to pool our army, navy, and air forces with those of other nations in order to establish a strong world police force under international control?

Willing_____ Not willing_____ Don't know_____

(f) to place the Panama Canal under an international authority?

Willing_____ Not willing_____ Don't know_____

(g) to see a "flag of the world" fly above the *Stars and Stripes*?

Willing_____ Not willing_____ Don't know_____

The Voter (No Name Needed)

BOY_____ GIRL_____ GRADE_____

∴ The Sports Deck ∴

The possibilities of obtaining a new coach is the major problem facing the track team which held its first meeting of the term February 10, in the gym.

Since the departure of Coach Grant at the beginning of last term the team has been able to practice only occasionally with Mr. Kottman's Saint Michael's track team. The situation is serious, for all the health education teachers are held down by other vital duties, and cannot possibly take on the job. As a last resort, the boys are trying to get a non-health education teacher as coach. Mr. Kottman has promised to give his assistance to anyone accepting the position.

For the present, any fleetfooted boys interested in track may practice with the Saint Michael's boys on the days they visit our gymnasium. Mr. Kottman will post a notice in the locker room on these days.

Baseball's Coming

Baseball is returning to the limelight as Coach Harry Leaycraft held its first meeting yesterday. As only twelve players of last term's Varsity are returning, Coach Leaycraft would like to have some of our lower termers with baseball talent and experience try out for the team. Until weather permits, baseball practice will be held Monday and Thursday in the gym.

The G. O. has appropriated $500 to the team to buy equipment and uniforms. The team, playing in the P.S.A.L. for the first time, has a full schedule of twenty games.

Fighting Team

The basketball team is playing the last half of their first official P. S. A. L. season. The squad is little changed from last term's squad. Franke and Cahill have graduated, but they have been replaced by Andino, Hallaby and Sheehan, former members of the squad who had been ineligible to play last season.

The squad has as yet failed to win a league game, but all the games have been bitterly fought and excitingly close down to the closing seconds. For a new team, they have displayed a commendable amount of aggressive fighting and team spirit.

Has Student Support

What has been most encouraging and gratefully appreciated by Coach Drucker and his boys has been the tremendous backing by the student body. No one likes a loser, but evidentally the students like our colorful squad, winning or losing. The gym has been jammed to capacity at the last few home games, with many students turned away at the doors.

Captain Dom Amoscato, member of the Varsity for six terms, entered the Navy on February 19. Good luck, Dom!

Midwood Defeats Squad In Thriller

A grim, determined quintet played their hearts out against Midwood but lost a thrill-packed game before a capacity crowd at home on February 18 by a score of 44-31.

Great Hand For Amoscato

A highlight of the game came at the end when Captain Dom Amoscato left amidst a torrent of applause. The applause the students gave this well-liked player lasted more than five minutes, the intensity of it never having been heard before in our gym.

The first half was featured by fast playing and low scoring. The scoring was close, the half ending 16-17 in favor of Midwood. Midwood out-scored us in the last quarter to cop the win.

Honor Roll

Old Term 8

Norma Roter	94.20
Lita Bellick	94.00
James McNamara	93.00
Elsie Nielsen	93.00
Robert Miller	92.90
Ruth Rosenblum	92.50
Arleen Lester	92.25
Anita Jesse	90.50
Vincent Castellano	90.00
Ruth Fammler	90.00

Old Term 7

Bella Lewis	97.40
Dorothy Weinstein	97.40
Beatrice Alfke	96.80
William Ball	96.00
Shirley Koperberg	95.60
George Kerrigon	95.00
Frank Angeloro	94.80
Milton Schwartz	94.40
Esther Samber	94.20
Erna Hegge	94.00
Beata Herzfeld	94.00
Lucille Tenenbaum	93.60
Mildred Olsen	93.40
Ann Field	93.25
Pearl Lishansky	93.20
Doris Bressler	93.00
Elizabeth Feudale	93.00
Jean German	93.00
Eileen Gilmore	93.00
Alice Higgins	93.00
Lillian Walter	93.00
William Kerr	92.80
Joseph Harris	92.40
Evelyn Muskin	92.40
Joseph Andretta	92.00
Helen Archibald	92.00
Joseph Cutri	92.00
Kathleen Jackson	92.00
Phyllis Markowitz	91.60
Virginia Entenman	91.40
John Grossberg	91.00
Joseph Jagust	91.00
George Perrin	91.00
John Windrum	91.00
Inga-Britta Elgcrona	90.40
Ethel Larsen	90.30

Old Term 6

Leon Anderson	96.40
Helen McShane	95.60
Beatrice Harris	95.20
George Haden	94.20
Edna Newmark	93.75
Santa Zaccone	93.40
Ingrid Neatwait	93.20
Lilly Kristensen	92.80
Lois Brandt	92.50
Claire Chinowsky	91.40
Lucy Barajackian	91.25
Jean Meszaros	91.20
Martha Carlson	91.00
Norma Andreason	91.00
Alfred Turino	90.60
Doris Grass	90.20
Carolyn Conti	90.00
Jennie Damek	90.00

Old Term 5

Bargara Singer	97.00
Barbara Linscheid	95.80
Mary J. Warshauer	94.20
Jane Clark	92.00
Robert Wolke	91.60
Marie DiTrani	91.40
Eleanor Bell	91,20
Leonore Zohman	91.20
Naomi Kotch	91.00
Sally Warshauer	91.00
Natalie Scully	90.75
Barbara Meitin	90.60
Mary Lou Bunch	90.50
Barbara Atkins	90.40
Norma Kleppe	90.25
Stuart Farber	90.00
Betty Pedersen	90.00

Old Term 4

Clara Tracktir	95.40
William Chinowsky	95.20
Eugene Albert	94.75
Leonard Epifano	94.60
Arnold Kahn	94.60
Leonore Feinberg	92.80
Ivan Polonsky	92.80
Michael Baratta	92.40
Florence Goodman	92.40
Betty Leuchs	91.60
Veronica Kearns	91.25
Bert Barnett	90.80
Jean Geffner	90.80
Evelyn Thompsen	90.50
Birgit Birkeland	90.00

Old Term 3

Clifford Swanson	95.60
Ethel Svitos	95.20
Evelyn Eerberg	94.75
Jerry Miller	94.50
Mary Reid	93.60
Virginia Iacuzzi	93.00
Marie Lesnick	93.00
Fabian Foushee	92.25
Philys Roddy	92.20
Margaret Scoblete	91.75
Eloyse Giorgio	91.60
Edward Carroll	91.60
Robert Klami	91.25
Michael Besso	90.80
June Lee	90.75
Robert Bissell	90.60
Irene Anderson	90.50
Helen Dunne	90.00
Joan Pecororo	90.00

Old Term 2

Nancy Atkins	97.75
Martha Kinscher	96.75
June Dunnet	95.00
Sylvia Kajander	95.00
Dorothy Orbek	94.00
Vilma Westerling	92.75
Ruth Voight	92.75
Kenneth Evans	92.25
Concetta Patrone	92.00
Marie Lobraico	91.50
Lawrence Fanjoy	91.00
Emily Anderson	91.00
Harry Plate	90.75
Shirley Rosenthal	90.75
Roland Saland	90.00

Old Term 1

Richard Boas	93.75
Anita Moskowitz	93.25
Lillian Olsen	93.25
Sheldon Gold	93.00
Elinor Bloom	92.75
Phillips Jones	92.75
Ruth Keech	92.75
William Cass	92.50
Angela Paton	91.75
Robert Cestari	91.50
Jean Nielsen	91.25
Moira Page	9 m..
Anthony Savastano	90.50
June Beckman	90.00
Joyce Freeman	90.00
Henry Meyer	90.00
Walter Shuttleworth	90.00

Quintet Drops Close Game To Erasmus

A hard fighting Fort Hamilton Quintet was defeated by league-leading Erasmus Hall in an action-packed basketball game at Erasmus Hall on February 11, by a score of 43-37.

Led by Jeff Bywater, who scored 13 points, and "Choo Choo" Mogavero, who scored 10, Hamilton gave Erasmus a few frightening moments when it took leads of 13-12 and 15-14 in the first half, which ended 20-15 in favor of Erasmus.

Second Half Thriller

The second half was marked with some slick ball handling by Dom (Navy bound) Amoscato, "Mooney" Andino and Jeff Bywater, which kept the Erasmus boys hustling. However, Erasmus, paced by pint-sized Jerry Marshall, who racked up 14 points in the last half, was a bit too experienced for our boys.

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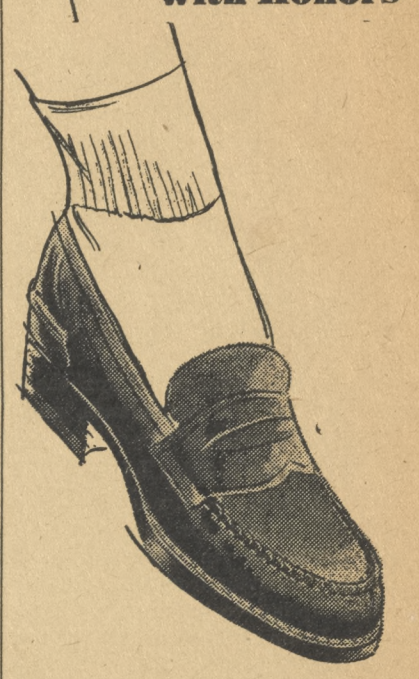

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